

SIR WILFRID SHOWS STRANGE FEAR OF AMERICANS.



Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Laurier Declines to Attend the Ceremony of Laying the Corner Stone of the Post Office at Chicago.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Mr. F. W. Fitzpatrick, of the Treasury Department, has just returned to Washington from Ottawa, where he went at the instance of the Committee of Citizens of Chicago in charge of the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of that city's post office building, next October, by President McKinley, to arrange for the formal invitation and expected acceptance of an invitation from Chicago's citizens to the Governor-General and Cabinet of Canada to participate in these festivities.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is the Assistant United States Architect, under Architect Henry Ives Cobb, for the Chicago building.

He admitted that his official reception was slightly chilly, Sir Wilfrid Laurier very candidly telling him that under the present conditions it would be impossible for him to accept or even to consider any social invitations to this side of the border.

Mr. Fitzpatrick says that in substance Sir Wilfrid's voluntary statements and answers to queries were as follows:

"As a friend in whom I am deeply interested, I am very glad to see you, but, frankly, as a representative of the Federal Government in the United States your visit could not have been more unfortunate."

"When I received your first letter I took up the matter with His Excellency the Governor-General, and he expressed a sincere desire to visit Chicago, and seemed as anxious to accept the invitation as I was."

"We would have been delighted to go and were looking forward to the day with much anticipation. But since then the tone of your press has become so harsh in dealing with the Alaskan boundary question, such misrepresentations have been made about our Government and particularly about me, that it would be undignified for us to go, and I cannot advise His Excellency to go."

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that Sir Wilfrid intimated that in the present state of public feeling in the United States as indicated in the press it would not be entirely safe for the Governor-General and himself to visit Chicago, as he feared that they might in a great gathering of such a character as the Chicago ceremony be subjected to some unpleasantness or indignity by thoughtless persons.

Sir Wilfrid expressed himself as strongly in favor of arbitrating the Alaskan boundary dispute and concluded the interview as follows:

"So much as I regret it, I could not go to Chicago under present conditions, and shall certainly, however painful a duty it may be, advise His Excellency to decline the invitation that I know and feel has so kindly been extended to us by the city of Chicago."

Mr. Fitzpatrick secured Sir Wilfrid's promise, however, to reconsider the matter.

ELDERLY WOMAN DROWNED BY A FRIGHTENED HORSE.

The Carriage in Which Mrs. Coburn Was Seated Was Backed from a Bank Into Deep Water.

Mrs. E. H. Coburn, of this city, was drowned in the reservoir at Manchester Green, near South Manchester, Conn., yesterday afternoon.

The manner of the drowning was most peculiar. She was driving with a friend, Mrs. Halsey, when on the driveway around the reservoir, Mrs. Halsey's horse, a light-colored mare, was spooked by the shadow of a tree and reared and backed the conveyance and its occupant into the lake. It was all done so quickly, and the water was so deep at the point, that both Mrs. Coburn and the horse were drowned before any assistance could arrive.

Mrs. Coburn was sixty-five years old. Her son, Hewitt Coburn, is president of the Glastonbury Manufacturing Company in New Haven. Mrs. Coburn was spending the summer at the summer home of her son at South Manchester.

ANTHONY J. DREXEL WILL REMAIN AN AMERICAN. His Brother Denies That He Has an Idea of Becoming a British Citizen.

Philadelphia, Aug. 4.—The report that Anthony J. Drexel had decided to follow the example of William Waldorf Astor and become a British subject was emphatically denied here today at the office of Drexel Brothers. Mr. Drexel's brother said there was not an atom of truth in the rumor, and he appeared to be decidedly vexed at the persistence of the report.

The rumor that Mr. Anthony Drexel proposed to ally himself with Great Britain was doubtless due to the great social success of Mr. and Mrs. Drexel in London. They have entertained there very lavishly during the past season, and the beauty of Mrs. Drexel, who was Miss Alexander, of Baltimore, has attracted great attention.

GOV. CANDLER SAVED A NEGRO FROM LYNCHING.



Governor Candler, of Georgia.

Slipped Out of Atlanta to Newnan, Where a Mob Surrounded a Jail, and Took Charge of Troops on Guard.

Atlanta, Aug. 4.—Governor Allen D. Candler has proved his good faith in issuing his recent proclamation calling on the people of Georgia to cooperate with him in suppressing mob violence, by going personally to Newnan, where John Mullins, a negro, was in imminent danger of being lynched, and supervising the campaign that saved the negro's life.

The Governor was informed on Wednesday that Mullins, who that morning had attempted an attack upon a white woman in Coweta County, had been captured and was being rushed to the Newnan jail, with a mob in hot pursuit of the Sheriff and his prisoner.

All that night the Governor kept himself in constant communication with Sheriff Brown. The latter reported by telephone that a mob had surrounded the jail and that he expected an attack at any moment. Governor Candler ordered the Sheriff to summon a posse, and when he received the reply that only seven loyal men could not be secured the militia at Newnan was ordered to report to the Sheriff.

By dint of a heavy guard the negro was saved that night. Before daylight Thursday morning the Governor slipped out of town, and going to Newnan took personal charge of the forces there. Those inquiring at the Capitol were told that the Governor was indisposed, and his absence from the city was not known until today.

After arriving in Newnan the Governor first satisfied himself that the mob was well in hand, and then placing twelve regulars and a company of militia in the midst of them and under guard of rifles marched him to the train and accompanied him to Atlanta. This is the first time in the history of the State that the Chief Executive has absented himself from the capital to prevent a lynching.

THE PRESIDENT WILL WITNESS THE YACHT RACES.

He Will Entertain a Number of Guests on Board the Elfrida.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Abner McKinley, the President's brother, arrived from New York this morning for a short stay. Among the callers upon Mr. McKinley to-day was Captain Dodd, of Troop D, Third United States Cavalry, who has just been ordered to the Philippines. Secretaries Gage and Hitchcock and Attorney-General Griggs are expected in a few days.

Unless the present plans are changed, Secretary of War Root will not come here to witness the regatta until the week after next.

Dr. W. Seward Webb, of Shelburne, Mass., has offered his yacht, the Elfrida, to the President for his use during the remainder of his stay here. The President has accepted the offer, and the yacht will be the President's for his use during the remainder of his stay here.

Mrs. Hobart, Postmaster-General and Mrs. Smith and several invited guests will witness the yacht races of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, to be held here that day.

Vice-President Hobart left Long Branch to-day at 8:50 for Lake Champlain on a ten days' visit to President McKinley. The Vice-President appeared to be in good health when he left.

LADY RANDOLPH SILENT; LIKEWISE CORNWALLIS-WEST.

But the Lady's Son Denies the Reported Engagement of His Mother.

Cornwallis, Isle of Wight, Aug. 4.—Lieutenant Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the son of Lady Randolph Churchill, asks the Associated Press to deny the reported engagement of his mother to Lieutenant G. F. M. Cornwallis-West, brother of Princess Henry of Wales.

The rumor continues to be the subject of much conversation among their friends. Neither Lady Churchill nor Lieutenant Cornwallis-West has been seen about since the engagement was reported.

EDWIN GOULD IN DETROIT LOOKING AFTER MATCHES.

Mrs. Gould and His Mother-in-Law, Mrs. Shady, Are with Him.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould, of New York, and Mrs. Shady, Mrs. Gould's mother, are in the city.

Mr. Gould is here with other Diamond Match Company officials, inspecting the Continental Match factory, which was recently transferred by him to the Plattsburgh Match Company. The Continental factory has been closed for some days and may not be reopened.

ROCKEFELLER BEGINS HIS ANNUAL TAX BATTLE.



John D. Rockefeller.

Even the Board He Helped Elect, He Declares, Has Assessed His Tarrytown Property at Too High a Figure.

Statement showing John D. Rockefeller's tax assessments in the village of Mt. Pleasant and the reductions he has gained:

| Year. | Assessors' rating. | Court's reduction. |
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| 1894..... | \$149,950 | |
| 1896..... | 687,875 | \$294,442 50 |
| 1897..... | 639,275 | 245,842 50 |
| 1898..... | 625,000 | 231,567 50 |
| 1899..... | 525,575 | \$132,142 50 |

* If he wins this year, as he has hitherto, annual assessments from 1896 to 1898, inclusive, reduced by order of the Supreme Court to \$393,432.50.

John D. Rockefeller's estimated wealth is \$350,000,000. His annual income, if at 4 per cent, is \$14,000,000.

John D. Rockefeller and the Assessors of Mt. Pleasant Township have begun their annual struggle over the taxes, which the richest American shall pay on his country house property near North Tarrytown.

This year they have him down on the books for \$525,575. This is a reduction of \$100,000 from last year's figure, but Mr. Rockefeller will not meet the Assessors' half way.

Referee Hoyt, under direction of the Supreme Court, has fixed the value of the property at \$393,432.50. Mr. Rockefeller has a conviction amounting to a fixed idea that real property never advances in value.

That \$393,432.50 represents in his opinion the ultimate possible value of his estate. This opinion is never held by Mr. Rockefeller with respect to his investments in other forms of property, especially in industrial enterprises.

He has fought every assessment on his property in the courts since the Martin Board was elected in 1896 on the platform of "make the Rockefellers and other rich men pay their share."

It has cost him far more in the end to pay lawyers than the saving in taxes has amounted to, but he believes in Westchester that the gratification of the litigious instinct is a luxury for which Mr. Rockefeller feels he can afford to pay.

A court order compelling the county of Westchester to make a special levy to restore him the \$100,000 of excessive taxes collected from him on various assessments above that of \$393,432.50 was a source of great pleasure to him, the people around Tarrytown believe.

He spent money in last Spring's campaign to elect a Board of Assessors "less malicious toward rich men's property." The board has been ungrateful enough to value his property at only \$100,000 less than the Martin Board's valuation. Moreover, the expenses of the town officers in defending his tax suits come out of the tax levy to which his property must contribute a share.

It is also observed that the rule does not work back to the under assessment of the property \$140,000 in 1894 and following years.

William Rockefeller, the "poorer" brother, has no grievance this year. The board values his estate at exactly the court's finding of \$238,175.

"I'M ALL RIGHT," SAYS VICE-PRESIDENT HOBART.

Seen by a Journal Reporter at Jersey City on His Way to Lake Champlain.

Vice-President Garret A. Hobart left Long Branch at 8:50 p. m. yesterday in a private car attached to the regular train which arrived at Jersey City at 5:10. He was accompanied by his wife, his son, Garret A. Hobart, Jr., and his secretary.

A Journal reporter boarded the car at Jersey City and asked the Vice-President about the various rumors in regard to his health.

"I am all right," said the Vice-President. "I have suffered some from an acute attack of dyspepsia and am going to Lake Champlain for a little rest."

At Jersey City the private car was taken by special engine around to Weehawken, where it was attached to the regular West Shore train for Lake Champlain, which will be reached at 8 a. m. to-day.

Mr. Hobart will spend at least a week with President McKinley.

ANOTHER BERLIN FAIRY TALE ABOUT DEWEY.

A Dilettante Correspondent Writes That the Admiral Was Not Pleased with His Reception at Trieste.

London, Aug. 5.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "It is reported that Admiral Dewey left Trieste earlier than he originally intended, and mainly because he did not meet with such a good reception as he had expected. The scoldish Zeitung thinks that Austria's relations with Spain and the Hazleton incident may have contributed to this."

ZOLA TELLS THE JOURNAL DREYFUS WILL BE ACQUITTED.

The Famous Author Prophesies a Triumphant Outcome for the Martyr in the Trial That Begins at Rennes, France, Next Monday Morning.

THE FAMOUS FRENCH AUTHOR'S CABLEGRAM TO THE JOURNAL.



Emile Zola.

MEDIUN, France, Aug. 4. Editor New York Journal:

It will be impossible for me to attend the Dreyfus trial for you.

Were I at liberty to write on the Dreyfus trial for any newspaper it would be for

the New York Journal, which from the first has advocated justice for him whom the Rennes court-martial will declare innocent.

MAYOR OF ATLANTA FALLS FROM GRACE.

Breaks His Promise to Stop Drinking and Be Good.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 4.—It is stated to-day on excellent authority that Mayor James G. Woodward will be requested to resign at a caucus to be held by the City Council to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

This development, it is alleged, is the result of the failure of the Mayor to observe the promise made to the Council six weeks ago that he would hereafter conduct himself in a manner befitting his office.

It will be remembered that about that time Dr. L. G. Broughton, of the Sixth Baptist Church, who is now in New York, preferred charges against the Mayor, relating to his private character, specifying gross drunkenness and immorality.

The Mayor tacitly admitted the charges, but on a promise of reform the City Council agreed to pass over his shortcomings. It is understood that Tuesday night Mayor Woodward attended a cake walk at one of the suburban resorts, with a champagne bottle in one pocket and whiskey in the other.

He expressed his determination to have a good time, and it is asserted that when he left his friends at 2 o'clock the next morning they were ablet to congratulate him on his eminent success in carrying out his resolution.

It is possible that Mr. Woodward will voluntarily resign before the assembling of the caucus, but unless he does, there is no doubt that a formal demand for his resignation will be presented.

He spent to-day at his office and has not indicated his knowledge of the storm that is brewing against him. It is improbable that Dr. Broughton will take the necessary step of returning to Atlanta to press his charges against the Mayor.

MRS. LEASE CHANGES HER WORK AND NAME.

She Goes from Politics to Spiritualism, and Is Now "Elizabeth" Instead of "Ellen."

Anderson, Ind., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Mary E. Lease arrived this evening to make her debut as a spiritualist minister or lecturer at Camp Chesterfield, the Western Chautauqua of Spiritualists. Simultaneously with her stepping from the political to the spiritualist field of operations she has shifted her name. Henceforth it is her will that she be known as Mary Elizabeth, instead of Mary Ellen.

"Ellen" became a nightmare when the newspapers changed it to "Kellin," and she prefers to leave it behind with the memories of her political work. She will make her maiden effort in spiritualism on Sunday afternoon, when she will talk on "The Conquering Forces of Civilization."

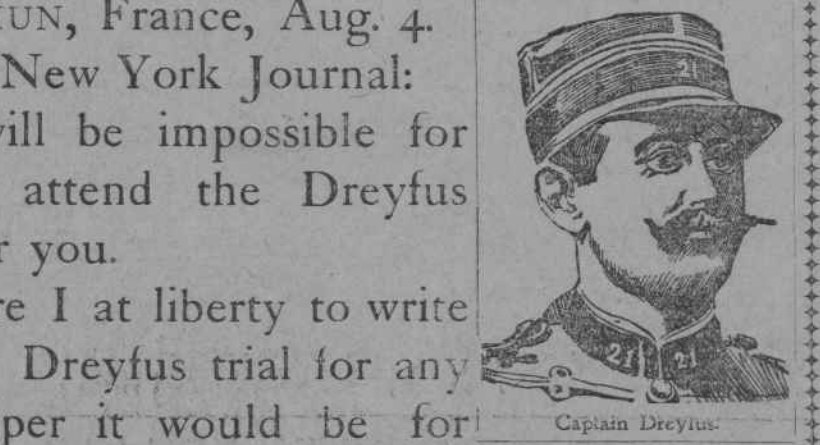
DARING RESCUE FROM DROWNING BY A BOY.

Swimmer Entangled in Eel Grass Saved by His Brave Young Companion.

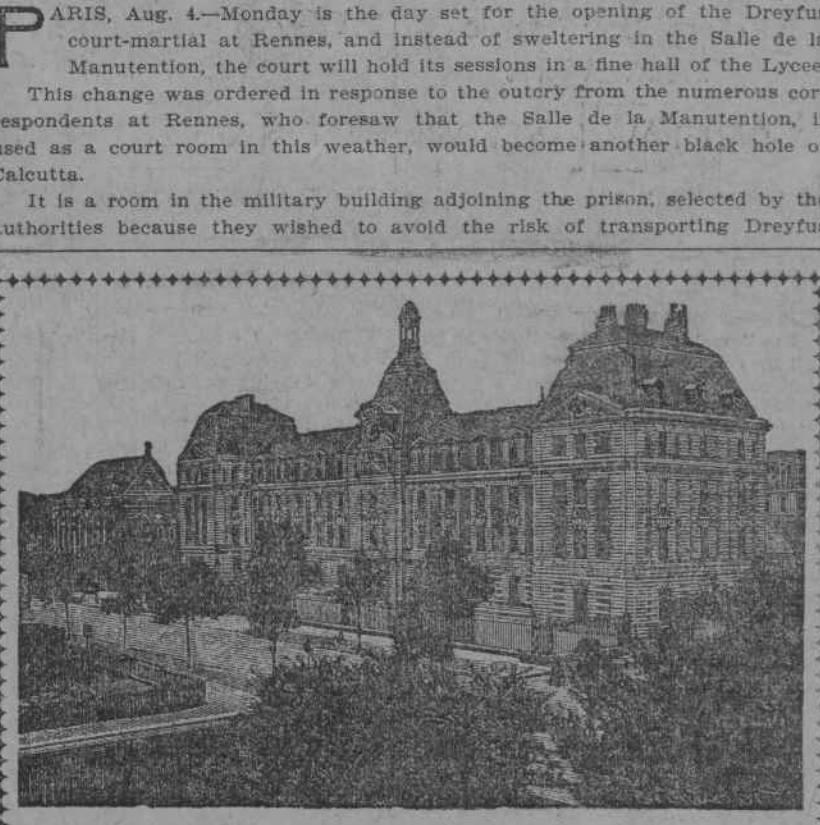
General, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Peter Haight, aged about seventeen years, rescued George Lackner, aged sixteen years, from drowning in Seneca Lake.

Lackner jumped off the lighthouse pier tower and did not rise to the surface again, probably becoming entangled in eel grass. Haight made a dive in a daring fashion and with some difficulty rescued the drowning lad.

Dolliver at Ocean Tide. J. B. Dolliver, member of Congress from Iowa, conceded to be one of the most eloquent members of the House of Representatives, will lecture in the great Auditorium at Ocean Grove for the Summer Session next Monday evening on "Public Virtue."



Captain Dreyfus.



The Lycee, Where the Dreyfus Court Martial Will Sit.

every day to any considerable distance from his place of confinement.

While it was still understood that the court-martial was to sit in this ill-ventilated apartment, the president of the court announced that sessions would begin at 6 in the morning in order to avoid the heat of the day as much as possible. It remains to be seen whether the change of scene will also involve a change of hour.

First Session of Court Will Be Short.

The first session of the court is expected to be short. After reading the report of Major Carriere, who represents the Government, the court will adjourn to allow the defence time to study the secret dossier. The trial is expected to be resumed Wednesday or Thursday.

A commission has been appointed to ask the Paris Matin for the letter written by ex-Major Esterhazy to that paper, in which he admitted his authorship of the bordereaux under the orders of his superiors.

The commissioners will also endeavor to obtain the fac-simile of the bordereau and the original manuscript of Esterhazy's article relating to Generals Gonst and Boisdeffre.

The Figaro says that M. Lebon, formerly Minister of the Colonies intends to institute legal proceedings for libel against the newspapers which have attacked him in connection with the alleged ill-treatment of Dreyfus on Devil's Island.

Officers at Rennes who do not belong to the garrison, have been ordered to depart by to-morrow, and the officers of the garrison have been ordered to return to-morrow.

Work of the Court-Martial Is Simplified.

The task before the court-martial is not so complex as might be assumed from the complexity of events in the Dreyfus affair since the condemnation of the prisoner. In ordering a new trial, the Court of Cassation was careful to specify that Captain Dreyfus must not be tried again on a general charge of treason, but on the concrete act of which he was held convicted by the first court-martial, and which is defined in this passage of the court's instructions:

Is Dreyfus guilty of having in 1894 instigated plots or held communications with a foreign power, or with one of its agents, with a view to engage it to commit hostilities and to wage war against France, or in order to furnish it with the means to do so, by betraying thereto the notes and documents enumerated in the bordereau?

So that the matter of the bordereau and the bordereau only is to be sifted by the court-martial, according to the instructions of the power that created it, although its president has been unofficially quoted as saying that he was not sure but the court would decide to sift the whole matter to the bottom.

Dreyfus was convicted by the first court-martial on the express ground that he had written the bordereau, in which the documents alleged to be stolen were enumerated. Apart from the possible confession under oath of Esterhazy that it was he who wrote the bordereau—a confession that he has made repeatedly in England—there is abundant expert testimony, which was heard by the Court of Cassation, that such was the case.

WM. WALDORF ASTOR BURNED IN EFFIGY LAST NIGHT.

Led by an Uptown Doctor They Take This Way of Rebuking His Action in Renouncing American Citizenship.

Effigy Labelled "Traitor" Is Carted Up Broadway to Long Acre Square and There the Torch Is Applied to It.

Police Prevent Speechmaking on the Route, and When the Affair Is Over Arrest the Truckman, but Release Him.

Though William Waldorf Astor is in his own dear old England, the fact did not prevent him being burned in effigy last night in Long Acre Square.

Well soaked in kerosene, seated in a rocking chair, a figure that bore a face which was a rough likeness of that of the ex-patriated man, went up in smoke while a large crowd jeered and hissed the man three thousand miles away and the idea for which he stands.

The Astor effigy's flight in fire was due to the industry of Dr. F. W. Crowe, of No. 228 West Forty-ninth street. For some time the doctor has dwelt on Astor's "betrayal," as he called it, and he talked of little else.

Dr. Crowe determined to find some outlet for his indignation last evening. First he collected a crowd of about thirty men with an offer of a two-dollar bill each. He bade them to be at his house at 8 o'clock.

He arranged with Anthony Kemner, a truckman, to be there with a wagon at the same time.

The effigy, a fair likeness, was put in a chair on the wagon. On a lofty pole was hung a banner six feet by four, which bore the words: "Astor the Traitor."

The procession started down Broadway, and Dr. Crowe's little crowd of thirty paid adherents soon grew to hundreds. The doctor tried to make speeches in front of the hotels, but the police kept him moving.

In front of John L. Sullivan's there was another halt, and Sullivan came out and told the doctor he was the kind of American the country needs.

The final burning of the effigy was in Long Acre square, near Forty-seventh street. When a policeman came the doctor had gone. Kemner was arrested, but was released at the police station.

CHICAGO'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BANKRUPT.

Its Creditors Threaten to Go Into the Courts and Secure Judgments Against It.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The Civil Service Commission is practically bankrupt, according to Secretary Corcoran.

Bills aggregating \$6,000, contracted by the old Commission, have not been paid, and there is no money to the credit of the Commission with which to meet the indebtedness. Nothing remains for the creditors but to carry out their threat of securing judgment against the Commission.

It is not at all probable that the department of the municipal government ever before permitted judgment to be secured against it for non-payment of bills.

PLANS TO ARM AND DEFEND NEW BATTLE SHIPS.

Ten 10-Inch and Twelve 6-Inch Guns and Nine Inches of Krupp Armor Proposed.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Rear Admiral O'Neil, the Naval Chief of Ordnance, has submitted to the Naval Bureau chiefs his plans for arming and defending the three new battle ships. He says in the letter of transmittal:

"While no special amount of originality is claimed for these plans, it is believed that the types of the three battle ships authorized at the last session of Congress."

The general scheme provides for ten 10-inch guns and twelve 6-inch guns, a powerful battery estimated to be capable of penetrating the sides of a ship two miles distant—and protected by nine inches of the latest Krupp armor.

AUTOMOBILE DASHES INTO A CABLE CAR.

Head-on Collision Between the Two Vehicles Results in Injury to a Woman.

There was a duel between an automobile and a cable car at Broadway and Forty-second street yesterday, and although the automobile was badly injured, a cable car passenger was painfully hurt.

The automobile was managed by William French, of No. 214 West Sixty-ninth street. The vehicle swung into Broadway from Forty-second street just as a southbound car came along.

Before either could stop the automobile had plunged into the cable car. The front of the self-propelling machine was smashed in and the operator was almost dashed from his seat. Miss Emma Tuttle, of No. 75 West Sixty-eighth street, who was on the cable car, was thrown to the street and received a laceration on the head and bruises. After being attended by a hospital surgeon she was taken home.

Christie Criticizes W. W. Astor. President G. B. Christie, of the Thomas M. Ewan Association, Jersey City, at a regular meeting held last night, criticized William Waldorf Astor for renouncing his citizenship.